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The original reasons driving the settlement no longer are valid. The industry and the forces driving it have changed too much. We slapped Microsoft's hands and they listened. I believe, of all of the companies that will be watched and scrutinized, Microsoft is at the top. They can not afford to mess up. They have their mandate and I firmly believe they will stick by it.

I have been dealing with Microsoft for over a decade and have given them more personal information than any other company. It never has been abused and I trust them explicitly when they say it will not be given out or sold. Granted, they were bullish five or so years ago. They absolutely have changed and are sincere in their efforts to remedy how they conduct business. I like what they have to offer and it would hurt my business dramatically if they had to break up or stop making their products. Breaking up the company would hurt the American economy more than it would resolve anything. Think of the impact on the thousands of other companies that rely on the Microsoft platform for what they do and how they live. Microsoft is one of the few innovators left in the industry. I like that. That is why they spend billions of dollars in research each year ? to bring us new and creative solutions that keep our economy flowing. There also is no technical way that providing source code would work. It changes too fast and it would do more harm than good for the world to make broken derivatives from it. They provide more pre-release documentation, technology strategies, sample code, training, and seminars than any other company out there. The only reason competitors want their source is because they cannot figure out how to do it themselves.

Stop wasting our money and get on with spending it on more important things. The only people that care are the press, media, and politicians that want to get re elected. There are too many other problems facing the nation right now and this just drains the scarce resources we don't have. Microsoft can afford to keep those states tied up for longer than they can afford to keep plugging away on a losing battle going. Take Microsoft's offer and run with it. It all will work out in the end because we will not let it happen any other way.

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